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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 8/13/2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): page 11 of the response does not contain the meaning of "Externalized Rules". It appears the Applicant has a place holder and meant to complete this line. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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